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**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The transistor Q1 includes a base terminal connected to the power supply **22**, a collector terminal connected to the base terminal of transistor Q2, and an emitter terminal connected to the input of the audio amplifier **20** receiving the supply voltage rejection signal  $V_{SVR}$ . Transistor Q2 includes a collector terminal connected to the output of the amplifier **20**, and an emitter terminal connected to a voltage reference, such as ground. When a rate of decrease of the supply voltage rejection signal  $V_{SVR}$  is  $V_{CC}$  is greater than a rate of decrease of the supply voltage  $V_{CC}$ , rejection signal  $V_{SVR}$ , i.e.,  $V_{SVR} > V_{CC}$ ,  $V_{CC} > V_{SVR}$  transistors Q1 and Q2 are turned on. This causes the output of the amplifier **20** to be shorted and the output noise is thus minimized.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

However, when the supply voltage  $V_{CC}$  does not decrease as fast as the supply voltage rejection signal  $V_{SVR}$ , i.e.,  $V_{CC} > V_{SVR}$ ,  $V_{SVR} > V_{CC}$  transistors Q1 and Q2 will not be turned on. The supply voltage rejection circuit **28** of the amplifier **20** is still active. When the supply voltage  $V_{CC}$  is larger than  $V_{SVR}$  by 1 to 2 times the conducting voltage  $V_{be}$  for at least one transistor Q3 within the supply voltage rejection circuit **28**, transistor Q3 is saturated. Transistor Q3 and

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other portions of the supply voltage rejection circuit **28** are  
best illustrated with reference to FIG. 2.